

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Peter Micciche, Mayor *PAM*

**FROM:** Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager *Bl*

**DATE:** March 23, 2023

**RE:** Resolution 2023-<sup>030</sup> Approving the Updates of Two Annexes to the Borough  
Emergency Operations Plan (Mayor)

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The Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Operations plan outlines the concepts of operations for responding to natural, technological and human-caused emergencies within the Borough. The plan includes twelve annexes to provide guidance and methods of organizing responses, legal authorities and operational information. Annex 1 – Evacuation and Annex 12 – Joint Information System (“JIS”) are updated to reflect the input provided by response partners, including Tribal, local, state, federal and nongovernment entities. The framework of changes for both of these annex updates is based upon solid communication and collaboration garnered during workshops and meetings as well as testing the application of these updates to ensure unified messaging and operations can be achieved during areawide, multi-agency responses.

Importantly, the Ready, Set, Go! (“RSG”) evacuation and reentry protocols adopted in Annex 1 – Evacuation emphasizes concise messaging and color-patterned coding of response areas on public information maps to indicate three levels of evacuations:

**Level 1 Ready** = always in a ready state. Green-patterned indicating safe or reentry areas.

**Level 2 Set** = preparing to evacuate or leave when extra time is needed. Yellow-patterned indicating imminent danger in the area.

**Level 3 Go!** = leave now. Red-patterned indicating hazardous area closed to the public.

The RSG! program was largely discussed at the Kenai Peninsula Fire Chiefs Association and the Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings in January 2023. Both groups recommended the program should be adopted not only Borough-wide but also statewide due to the program’s vital importance to unified public safety messaging during areawide, multi-agency responses.

Your consideration is appreciated.